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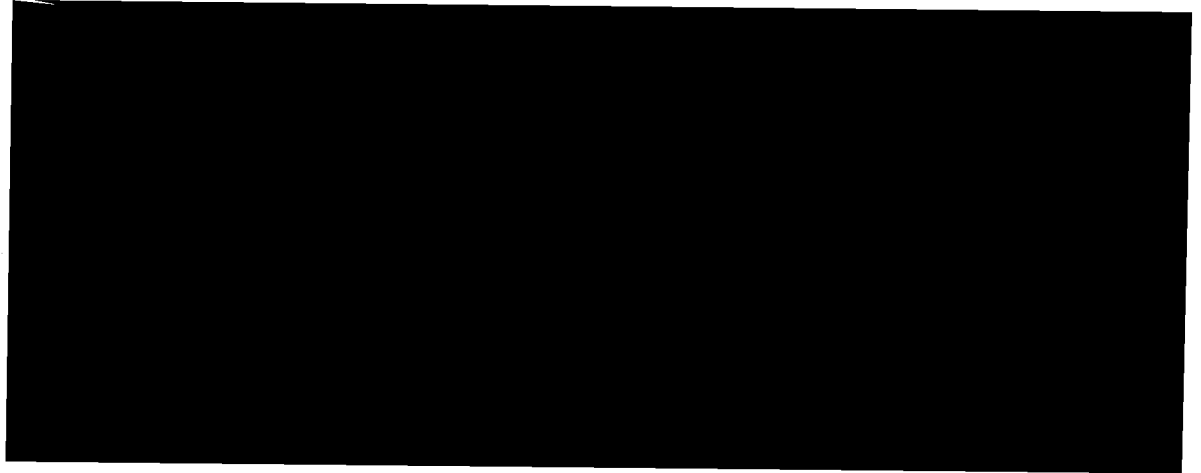
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COVERT ANNEX - VIETNAM
(5-17 September)

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I. NORTH VIETNAM

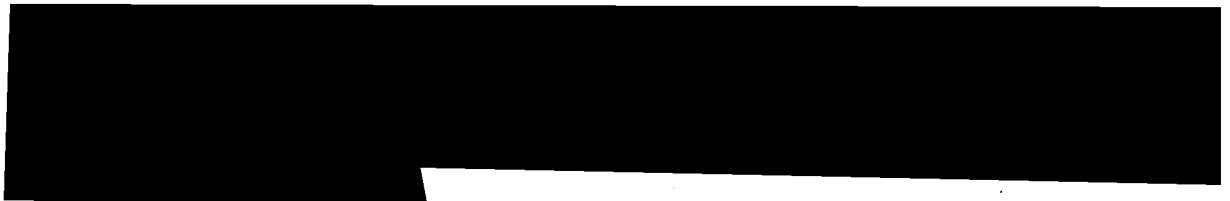
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The air resupply of the reconnaissance and sabotage team is awaiting favorable weather.

II. SOUTH LAOS

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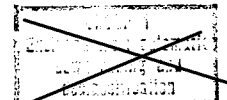
III. SOUTH VIETNAM

A. Unconventional Activities

1. A third Catholic Youth Company at Du Tho Camp, Ba Xuyen Province, has been founded from 140 volunteers and began training on 17 September. The Presidential Survey Office has provided three lieutenants to command three strike companies.
2. Cung Son Camp, Phu Yen Province, completed training 412 republican youth on 11 September. The youth, who came from 27 villages, all were issued weapons. A VC bivouac site southwest of Qui Nhon was discovered by a camp patrol and attacked on 8 September.

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3. Camp Phi Ma, Binh Thuan Province. Citizens Irregular Defense Group (CIDG) Class No. 5 graduated 143 men on 15 September; Class No. 6 commenced training on 10 September. Strike Force No. 2, 114 men, commenced four-week second phase training on 10 September. 24 medics also completed their training on 10 September. A strike force raid on a VC patrol was conducted on 5 September about 15 miles southwest of Phan Thiet. Three VC were killed in action. There were no friendly casualties.
 4. Camp Da Mpoa in the Serienac Valley of Tuyen Duc Province is now under construction. 79 refugees of the Koho Tribe began training as a strike force on 10 September. A dispensary has been established. Three Special Forces medics had treated 517 patients as of 13 September. An AID American doctor is cooperating in more serious cases.
 5. Camp Dak To, Kontum Province. This camp is also under construction. Communications have been established with Saigon. Special Forces "A" Team is in place. A dispensary is being built. A Vietnamese camp commander has been assigned by the Presidential Survey Office.
 6. Camp Phuoc Thien, Ninh Thuan Province. Strike Force Company No. 1, 83 men, and Strike Force No. 2, 134 men, completed training. 150 village defenders began training on 17 September.
 7. Camp Thu Duc, Gia Dinh Province. As of 17 September 1,143 personnel were on duty, including 779 special assault troops for South Laos ops. 603 more troops were undergoing training, and in addition 4 special teams numbering 46 men have received demolitions and sabotage training. Due to an expansion of Saigon University, a relocation of Camp Thu Duc has been required. A new site, about a mile and a half north of Thu Duc in the direction of Bien Hoa is awaiting approval by President Diem.

8. Danang Area Program. Half of Special Forces "A" Team moved to Phu Hoa on 17 September with 300 civic action cadre and two strike force companies trained at Hoa Cam. The objective is the establishment there of an area development complex.

9. Patients treated by Special Forces medics during the month of August number 30,133.

B. Covert Activities

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C. Covert Intelligence

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2. Confidential Ministry of the Interior figures concerning strategic hamlet construction list the number of hamlets to be completed by the end of 1962 as 4,446. To attain this total the Ministry is assuming that all hamlets begun in August (a total of 2,492) will have been completed satisfactorily.